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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A digital television receiver, comprising:
a signal receiver receiving a compressed digital television signal and a tag signal indicative of an operating mode of a reproduction apparatus from said reproduction apparatus, and generating a video signal for display from said compressed digital television signal;
a memory storing a plurality of display messages; and,
a controller coupled to said signal receiver and said memory, wherein said controller interprets said tag signal to select one of said stored display messages indicating said operating mode and combines said selected one of said stored display messages with said generated video signal for display, wherein, said tag signal includes data representative of a text display message and a command and said controller selects one of said stored display messages according to said command and if none of said plurality of said display messages can be selected according to said command, said controller combines said data representing said text display message in said tag signal with said generated video signal.

2-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The digital television receiver of claim 1, wherein, said plurality of said display messages includes messages specific to said reproduction apparatus.

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5. (Previously Presented) The digital television receiver of claim 4, wherein, said tag signal includes data for selecting a display message specific to said reproduction apparatus.

6. (Previously Presented) A receiving device coupled to a reproduction apparatus for receiving and decoding digital signals, comprising:

a receiver having an input for receiving a digital video signal and first and second control signals from said reproduction apparatus;

a decoder coupled to said receiver for decoding said digital video signal and generating a video display signal therefrom;

a memory storing a plurality of display messages for said receiving device and for said reproduction apparatus; and,

a controller receiving said first and second control signals and coupled to said memory for selecting display message data for combining with said video display signal, wherein responsive to said first control signal, said controller selects one of said stored display messages for said reproduction apparatus as said display message data, and absent said specific message data in said memory, said second control signal is used to produce a display message signal and said controller selects said display message signal as said display message data.

7. (Previously Presented) The receiving device of claim 6, wherein said plurality of display messages corresponds to a plurality of video signal sources.

8. (Original) The receiving device of claim 6, wherein said first control signal corresponds to a specific display message request.

9. (Original) The receiving device of claim 6, wherein said second control signal represents specific display message data.

10. (Previously Presented) The receiving device of claim 6, wherein

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said memory stores display message data specific to a digital recording and replay apparatus.

11. (Previously Presented) A method for displaying a display message and a video signal for a digital display device receiver comprising the steps of:

receiving a compressed digital video signal and a tag signal indicating an operating mode of a reproduction apparatus from said reproduction apparatus;

storing a plurality of display messages in a memory;

selecting one of said plurality of said display messages responsive to said tag signal, said selected one display message indicative of said operating mode;

decoding said received compressed digital video signal to produce a decoded video signal; and

generating a video signal for display by combining the selected one of said plurality of said display messages with said decoded video signal, wherein said tag signal includes data representative of a text display message and a control command and said selecting step selects said one of said plurality of said display messages according to said control command and if none of said plurality of said display messages can be selected according to said control command, said generating step combines said data representing said text display message in said tag signal with the decoded video signal.

12-13 (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 43, wherein said plurality of said display messages includes messages specific to the reproduction apparatus.

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15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said tag includes data for selecting a display message specific to the reproduction apparatus.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of synchronizing said selected one of said plurality of said display messages for display with said decoded video signal at the generating step.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Previously Presented) The digital television receiver of claim 1, wherein said selected one of said plurality of said display messages is synchronized for display with said generated video signal.

19. (Cancelled).